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Addendum to the Secretariat's Report Report on the IPPC Workshop on the Practical Application of ISPM No. 15 (*Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade*)

Agenda Item 4 of the Provisional Agenda

1. A workshop on the practical application of ISPM No. 15 was held in Vancouver, Canada from 28 February - 4 March 2005. 172 delegates attended the workshop, representing 80 countries. The workshop was made possible by a substantial financial contribution from the Standards and Trade Development Facility and due to their contribution 63 delegates from developing countries were able to attend.
2. The workshop focussed on issues surrounding the implementation of ISPM No. 15. Topics were addressed through various presentations some of which focused on its implementation of this standard in different regions. Participants engaged in group and plenary discussions and group exercises were completed which assisted participants in identifying areas that required work in their own countries in order to be able to implement ISPM No. 15. A field visit showed participants the practical implementation of ISPM No. 15 in both treatment facilities and establishment manufacturing wood packaging.
3. Delegates were invited to prepare questions during the week and questions were reviewed in plenary. The majority of participants were able to answer their own questions at the end of the workshop or other participants were able to offer possible solutions. Questions and answers developed at the workshop will be posted on the website of the International Forestry Quarantine Research Group (www.forestry-quarantine.org).
4. Presentations and the workbook from this workshop are posted on the IPP (www.ippc.int/id/49127) and National Plant Protection Organizations are encourage to use this material as a resource in developing similar workshops at a regional or national level.
5. The overall feedback received from delegates was that the workshop had been highly relevant, informative, and timely and had provided useful information for the practical implementation of ISPM No. 15.

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